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CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$86	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$290	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$420.00	3RD MONTH \$950.00	4TH MONTH \$1480.00		\$ 0
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the office communication dated May 6, 2004.

In the above referenced office communication, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement, requiring the election of the claims of either:

Group I, i.e., Claims 1-16(?);
Group II, i.e., Claims 17-26;
Group III, i.e., Claims 27-32; or
Group IV, i.e., Claims 38-47;

for further prosecution in this application.

The Applicants hereby elect Group II **with traverse**.

The Applicants also respectfully urge the Examiner to rejoin the claims of the nonelected groups with the elected claims of Group II for examination in this application for the following reasons.

The MPEP allows an Examiner to examine otherwise patentably distinct sets of claims if to so would not impose an undue burden on the Examiner. M.P.E.P. § 8.03 states that:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

In the present case, the claims of the non-elected groups include elements found in the claims of Group II. As such, the search for the claims of Group II will find any relevant prior art relating to the claims of the nonelected groups.

Accordingly, little, if any, additional searching should be required for the claims of the nonelected groups, and therefore the examination of the claims of the nonelected groups together with the claims of elected Group II should impose little, if any, additional burden on the Examiner.

As such, examining the claims of the nonelected groups and the claims of elected Group II together in the present application clearly does not impose an undue or serious burden on the Examiner. In the absence of such an undue or serious burden, the Examiner is clearly instructed by the MPEP to examine the entire application. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to rejoin the claims of the nonelected groups with the claims of elected Group II and to examine all the claims together in the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1078.

Respectfully submitted,

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